THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Construction of the first section of the pipeline from Hazira to Bijaipur (640 km) has been completed and is presently under commissioning. Work on the second sector from Bijaipur to Aonla is in progress;

(b) The total cost of the project is at present expected to be about Rs. 1700 crores. The project is expected to be completed by July, 1989 as originally scheduled.

(c) Supply of gas from the HBJ pipeline has not commenced.

Planning Commission's sanction of additional funds for power projects

1012. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has sanctioned an additional amount of Rs. 11,000 crores for more power projects in the country;

(b) how much additional power is likely to be generated by the National Thermal Power Corporation with this additional amount;

(c) whether the places have been located for setting up new power projects with additional funds; and

(d) if so, what are the State-wise details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) An additional outlay of about Rs. 11,200 crores during the Seventh Plan has been approved for the Power Sector.

(b) 9760 MW.

(c) and (d) The Statewise details are given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No.48]

Boards for selection of oil dealers

1013. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since constituted boards for selection of oil dealers; if so, the details of the members and heads of the boards selected;

(b) if not, the reasons for not constituting such boards;

(c) by when the boards are likely to be constituted; and

(d) what are the criteria laid down, if any, for selecting heads and members of oil boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Statement attached. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) While no criteria have been formally laid down, the Chairman and Members of Oil Selection Boards are nominated on the basis of suitability and availability.